

GOOD ROADS.

An Appeal for the Election of a Friendly Legislature.

To the Citizens of Tennessee:

Let me advise with the voters throughout the state, that in selecting the members who will compose the next legislature of Tennessee, that you make sure to commit them on public road legislation. This is the most important subject now before the people. It makes no difference how we may be divided on other questions or what your party affiliations are, this is a question that affects all of us equally alike and for that reason we should not allow it to become a party measure. Keep the road question out of partisan politics.

I think the subject should be discussed along the following lines, with a view of enacting a statute to take the place of the abominable road law we have now.

(1.) Providing for a state highway commission of three men, one of whom shall be an experienced road builder and a civil engineer, whose term of office shall be for eight years; one to be appointed by the governor, one by the chief justice of the supreme court and one by the chief justice of the court of appeals.

(2.) Providing for three road commissioners in each county, to serve for eight years, one of whom shall be a civil engineer; one to be appointed by the county judge, one to be elected by the county court and one to be appointed by the circuit judge of that circuit.

(3.) Providing for a state highway tax on all taxable property, the county being authorized to assess an equal or less amount.

(4.) Providing for a state privilege tax on every automobile, motorcycle, bicycle, carriage, buggy, cart or any other wheeled vehicle using the public roads; the county being authorized to assess an equal or less amount.

(4.) Providing each male person over twenty-one and under fifty, years of age inclusive, six days work on the public roads, allowing him the privilege of commuting or paying off his time at the rate of 50c. per day, or to work six days for the county contractor.

(6.) Providing for a special tax to be used only for maintaining roads of the first class; said fund to be raised by an annual assessment against each front foot of property through which the highway passes.

(7.) Providing for a contract system of working and maintaining the public roads; the provisions and specifications of the contract to be fixed by the state highway commission and to be enforced by the county commissioners under direction of the state highway commission.

(8.) Providing for amending the present law, so that the convicts may be confined to three year county road work or less, owing to the grade of the offense.

(9.) Providing for working the state convicts of four, five, six and seven year terms, on public roads of the first class, under direction of the state highway commission.

(10.) Providing for working the state convicts of eight, nine and ten year terms, in quarries and gravel pits, preparing road material, under the direction of the state highway commission.

(11.) Providing for a general enabling act, allowing each county to vote on issuing public road bonds once every two years, when so ordered by the county court. The total bonded indebtedness of any county not to exceed at any time more than ten per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the county.

(12.) Allowing each county court to issue short term interest bearing county warrants, the funds from the sale of same to be used for improving or maintaining public roads.

Space forbids any extended comment on the subjects above named. I know that some of the proposi-

tions as outlined will meet with objections. This may be expected. There is one thing sure, and that is, before we can ever have a first class effective road law in this state we will have to embody something like what is outlined above. We must hedge it about in such a way as to steer clear of county and state machine partisan politics.

Let me advise that when your candidate for the legislature begins to trim in discussing this subject, call him down to details. The mere saying that he favors good roads, does not mean anything, toward the enactment of the necessary legislation to obtain good roads.

I trust that all will join in and let us do something along this line that will be of material benefit to our state. Respectfully yours,

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Pres. Memphis-Bristol Highway Association.

HARROW AIDS GARDEN CROPS

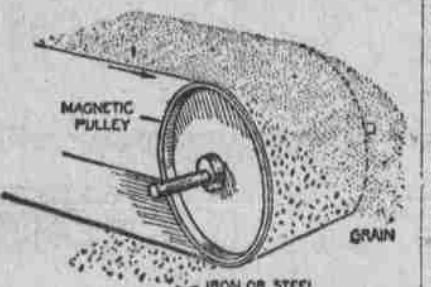
Requires Less Physical Energy on Part of Operator Than Any Other Cultivator—Helps to Plants.

Do not be afraid to harrow garden crops. When the soil is dry or in a good working condition it will do them much good. Harrowing with all teeth in the harrow just as the plants are coming up will assist many of the weak, struggling ones to push their way through the upper crust, in case a crust has been formed. Except in dry, loose soil, it is difficult for nearly all kinds of beans to push their way out and up, says a writer in an exchange. If the surface soil is much crusted many of them perish in the attempt, and a reseeded is often necessary. The best patch of lima beans that the writer ever grew was harrowed both ways at the time they began to come up. When the man was started on the work he told us that he thought it was not a good thing to harrow beans, for he had never known any one else doing it. He said, "I will harrow them if you say so, but I think it will kill them." When he had harrowed them lengthwise we had him turn on them for a cross-harrowing. At this the man complained loudly, saying that there would not be a bean left in the patch. His expression indicated that we were a better success as a lunatic than a gardener. When the cross-harrowing was completed the man admitted that the harrowing did put the soil in nice shape, and that it did not tear out so many beans after all. Within a few days he admitted that he had never seen so nice and even a stand of beans in his life. The harrowing helped hundreds of the beans to come up, and put the soil in such fine condition that the young plants began to grow rapidly.

ELECTRICITY TO CLEAN GRAIN

Magnetic Pulley Arranged to Separate Iron and Steel Particles From Small Kernels.

A magnetic separator for removing iron and steel from grain was recently described in an English journal. The separator consists of a steel pulley magnetized by a current of electricity run through coils placed within the rim. The belt conveyor running over



Separating Iron Particles From Grain. The pulley carries the grain in the usual manner, but as the iron or steel particles reach the magnetic field, they are kept in close contact to the belt until after it leaves the pulley on the under side. The sketch clearly illustrates the operation.

Corn Silage.

An important consideration is determining the feeding value of corn silage as compared with that of corn stover, foddercorn or bundlecorn, is that in ensilage the whole of the plant, including the stems, is converted into succulent and nourishing food. When fed in any of the other forms the stems are rejected and are of value only as they gradually add to the humus of the soil.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By F. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR APRIL 7.

EASTER LESSON.

LESSON TEXT—I Cor. 15:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT—"This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses."—Acts 2:32.

St. Paul may not make direct reference to the virgin birth of our Lord, though he certainly knew of the prophecy that a "Virgin shall conceive," (Isa. 7:14), but what does it matter? It is not greater miracle to be born than to rise triumphant over death. That Paul assumes the fact is evident from this lesson. Literally he begins by saying, "Now I make known the gospel which I preached unto you at Corinth, whereby you are saved and what you must always remember, that Christ, who came fulfilling all that was promised in the Scripture, died for our sins and rose again." Paul goes on to tell explicitly of many who had seen Jesus after the resurrection and, most important of all, how he, himself, had seen the Christ.

"Last of all he was seen of me also. Though I am least of all the saints in that I persecuted the church, yet I am what I am, and his grace was not bestowed upon me in vain." Paul was not such a "bad man" from the accepted moral standards of his time, yet he felt the truth of what Christ said, viz., that the essence of sin is that "they believe not on me."

The fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the best proven fact of history. In the first place the disciples themselves did not expect Jesus to die (John 12:34), hence, of course, they never even thought of the resurrection (Mark 9:10). In the third place when on that Easter morn Mary reported the empty tomb and of having seen the Lord, the apostles thought it "idle talk" (Luke 24:11). When the women reported having actually seen him, the men, and how many men like to take instruction from a woman, were unconvinced and rather doubted those who had conversed with him on the road to Emmaus.

Again, when seen by the ten, Thomas would not accept the report till he had seen his hands and his feet.

Arguments Based on Unbelief.

All arguments to convince us that Jesus did not rise are based upon unbelief and the answer of countless millions throughout nearly twenty centuries has been the words of Paul (verse 20) but "Now is Christ risen from the dead." To deny is to be lost in the fog, our preaching vain, and we have no ground of faith. See verses 12-14. To accept is to place a firm foundation underneath our whole Christian scheme, to set the seal of authority and purity upon the life of him whom all men, Jew and Gentile alike, say was good, and opens a vista of hope for all who die in the Lord.

Paul goes on to show that the resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of a plan whereby all the human race who are related to Christ shall likewise be resurrected. Even as through the transgression of one man sin came upon the whole human race, in like manner by the perfect life of obedience upon the part of one man we may all be made alive.

Paul makes a strong contrast between the death of the believer and that of the non-believer. "If I fight with beasts at Ephesus what advantage does that have? Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Not so, however, with the Christian, hence he exhorts the Christians to be awake to righteousness and to sin not.

Only Friends Saw Him.

For the younger classes this story of the first Easter is a most fascinating one, dramatic, tender, inspiring. For the older pupils we may well discuss, How Easter would be observed. Have we fully realized that we are "risers with Christ?" Remember he showed himself only to his friends, not to Pilate nor to the Sanhedrim. Are you his friend? Have you seen the risen Lord? A description of "Holy Fire" of the Greek Christians who gathered with his taper in the church at Jerusalem on Easter Sabbath, and how each passes the fire on to another or carries it sacredly back to his home church, would be appropriate in order to illustrate the fact that each one of us must appropriate Christ in his resurrection power, and having appropriated his life we are in duty bound to pass on this knowledge to others. Paul showed his gratitude by "laboring more abundantly."

It might be well for us to draw attention to the fact that the communion service "shows forth his death till he come again," and baptism is symbolic of his death and resurrection (Rom. 6:4), wherein we are to walk in newness of life, and that as his coming again all enemies shall be subject to the Christ. That these are great truths we all know, yet "even the least" may have a part in telling the glorious Easter story and that we need not dwell at the cross but pass on and behold an empty tomb and worship a risen Christ who ever liveth and maketh intercessions for us.

Bees and Farm Notes

One of the great mistakes in dairy farming is in having too much land. No farmer can afford to have a cheap, inferior made silo on his farm. Commercial fertilizer, when properly used, will increase the yield of crops.

Young cabbage plants require thorough protection in the hotbed and cold frame.

Barley and oats, as well as wheat, are usually improved in quality on flax land.

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Garden seeds require much the same treatment as grass seeds or small grains.

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You cannot make as good silage from dry cornstalks as you can from mature green corn.

It will take good farming to keep up and increase soil fertility without purchasing feed-grown outside.

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The preparation of manure for a hotbed should begin at least three weeks before the hotbed is to be used.

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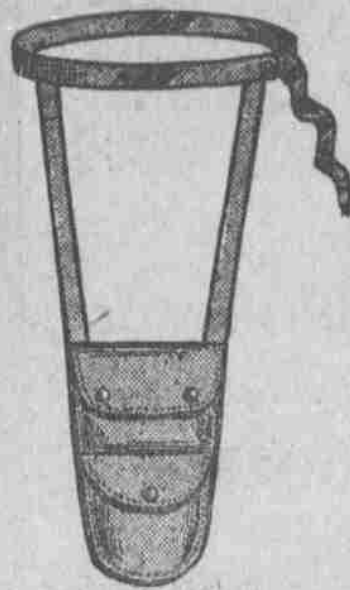
When a stormy day comes, spend a few hours over the garden seeds for the coming season. See that they are not being affected by dampness nor by excessive heat. The mice may be helping themselves.

MOST USEFUL OF POCKETS

Compartment in Under-Skirt May Be Classed as Necessary Part of Costume.

Doubly useful is the under-skirt pocket at holiday times, as in it may be safely carried the necessary money for traveling expenses, and also perhaps a small quantity of jewelry.

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and size that while being worn it is frequently visible in a none too pretty way. We give, therefore, a sketch of a very neat little pocket of this kind, which is suspended by straps to a narrow waist-band, fastening with a small buckle, and which should be made in not too large a size.

It is fitted with two pockets with fold-over flaps, one above the other, the upper one fastening with two buttons and buttonholes, and the lower with one button and buttonhole.

A glance at the sketch shows so clearly the way in which the pockets are arranged that further description is scarcely necessary, but it may be useful to add that Italian cloth or chamol leather would be suitable material in which to carry it out, and the fold-over flaps to the pockets should be bound at the edge with narrow ribbon, as also the sides.

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